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1. On 19 October 1954, no troops were observed in Botevgrad other than the Militia and members of the MVR (Ministerstvo na Vnutreshnite Raboti; Ministry of Internal Affairs) troops.
2. On 19 October 1954, the Turnovo garrison was very calm. A few officers and men from infantry and artillery units were observed.
3. On 20 October 1954, the following observations were made in Ruse:
 - a. During the day very few soldiers (a few infantrymen and artillerymen), but a rather large number of officers (about 40), mainly members of the artillery and infantry were observed; about 12:30 p.m. a large number of officers were observed leaving the side entrance of the barracks located on the former Tsar Ferdinand Boulevard; the front of this building includes a number of windows without panes, as if the rooms were empty or in the process of being repaired; the remainder of the building has become a military hospital and includes a small sports ground; convalescents were observed in the garden;
 - b. In the evening the same observations were made; a rather large number of infantry and artillery officers were observed, but very few soldiers other than Border Guards and sailors; the following were seen:
 - (1) A detachment of 20 infantry cadets;
 - (2) Three additional infantry cadets;
 - (3) Three quartermaster corps cadets; and
 - (4) A detachment of 50 unarmed infantrymen;
 - c. A Border Guard barracks of moderate size was observed at the entrance to the new port of Ruse.
4. On 21 October 1954, on the road coming from Ruse, and slightly before Razgrad,

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a column of five carts loaded with forage and led by a cavalry officer (blue shoulder boards) were observed. At the entrance to Razgrad and at the crossroads of the Ruse-Razgrad and Ruse-Popovo roads, an occupied barracks (undoubtedly cavalry) was observed. In the city, two cavalry officers and a soldier from the engineers as well as an artillery man were seen. At the exit of Razgrad, on the south side of the road, a building appearing to be a barracks was observed but it was empty and no activity was seen in the area. On a hill behind this building there was what appeared to be a gun emplacement.

5. On 21 October 1954, an artillery barracks was observed to the north of Shumen (now Kolarovgrad); it was occupied by a very small number of men who were doing repair work on the northern side of the sports ground. No cannons or horses were observed. The barracks along the main boulevard appeared to be occupied by very few men. From west to east the following were noted:

- a. The officers' mess;
- b. One large infantry barracks;
- c. One building with artillery cadets in front of the entrance;
- d. One artillery (?) barracks; and
- e. One barracks with officers and men of the MVR.

A building bearing the inscription "Military Command" was observed in front of the western extremity of this barracks area and on the other side of the road, in the middle of a group of civilian buildings. Officers were seen entering and leaving this building. As at Ruse, few men, but a fairly large number of officers and men of the artillery, were observed in Shumen. A tank corps officer, believed to belong to the Shumen garrison was seen. The training ground located to the east of Shumen is absolutely empty.

6. On 21 October 1954, no military personnel was observed in Provadiya.
7. On 21 October 1954, the following were observed to the south of Aytos:
 - a. An infantry unit located in buildings which are normally used by civilians;
 - b. About ten covered trucks, apparently new, located in front of these buildings;
 - c. A barracks with a training ground, and horses tied up along the road to Karnobat (now Polyanovgrad), where an artillery barracks is located; and
 - d. An unidentified number of infantrymen, one artillery man, and two artillery officers were noted in the city of Aytos.
8. On 21 October 1954, two barracks were observed on the east side of the road, at a point two kilometers north of Burgas. The first barracks was for infantrymen; the second, with a large number of trucks, may be an artillery barracks. A navy barracks is located five hundred meters further on; more than 100 sailors were observed training; most of them had their heads shaved and may be new recruits. In the city of Burgas, officers of all arms, chiefly artillery and infantry, were observed.
9. On 22 October 1954, no military personnel was observed in the city of Karnobat.
10. On 22 October 1954, slightly before Yambol, a truck loaded with artillerymen was observed. Only artillerymen and a few airmen were seen in the city of Yambol.
11. On 22 October 1954, south of Pleven (coming from Yambol) and immediately

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north of the railway line, an infantry barracks was observed. In front of the bridge which crosses the Kurucha River there is a building occupied by artillerymen.

12. On 22 October 1954, a modern artillery barracks area was observed northeast of Nova Zagora. It included the following:

- a. A building 150 meters long parallel to the road, with a porch surmounted by a cannon insignia; and
- b. Three garages 40-50 meters in length, located behind the main buildings and separated from it by a courtyard.

In front of the main building were officers and men of the artillery, and in the courtyard in front of the garages a minimum of 30 trucks which were lined up and in good condition. No cannons were observed.

13. On 22 October 1954, at the northern exit of Stara Zagora and on the west side of the road leading to Kazanluk about 10 buildings were observed on the slopes of a hill and in the midst of trees. They appeared to form a depot. A guard is posted in front of the entrance to these buildings. Further on there is a large barracks, and still further another infantry barracks and training ground. Infantrymen and artillerymen were seen in the city of Stara Zagora.
14. On 22 October 1954, the Kazanluk garrison was found to be quiet; two or three infantry officers and artillery officers were observed. No men or officers of the tank corps were seen. Behind the barracks, there is a very large building with a square-shaped tower resembling a control tower in the middle, and nearer the road a number of garages and smaller buildings. A large number of trucks were observed in the garages, but no other materiel was noted.
15. On 22 October 1954, a barracks was observed in Levskigrad (formerly Karlovo). This is a two-story building, 150 meters long. On the other side of the road there is a training ground and a building resembling a mess hall is located under the trees. To the west of the barracks there is an enclosed area surmounted by three observation posts, and including depot-type buildings under the trees. This area is 500 meters in length.
16. On 22 October 1954, the following observations were made in Gorna Malina (N 42-41, E 23-43):
 - a. A large number of men on the raised ground surrounding the central two story building; behind this large building other smaller buildings and about 50 horses were observed; a T-34 tank next to a covered vehicle was in a corner; it is possible that the new activity at this garrison is connected with the call-up of the class of 1935; and
 - b. A trench being excavated by men supervised by officers; it starts from Gorna Malina and runs to Kilometer No. 38; in the vicinity of this trench, cement conduits approximately ten centimeters in diameter were observed at various points; it is possible that this is a trench for an underground cable or conduit but its purpose is not as yet evident.

Comment: Along the entire length of this journey, which amounted to approximately 1,000 kilometers, no particular activity was noted. Not only were no columns observed on the road, but no more than ten trucks were observed on the road, both in the country and in the cities. Although the lack of men in garrisons may lead to the belief that the troops are on maneuvers, this assumption may be false since, on the other hand, the number of officers observed was always relatively large, particularly in Ruse, Shumen and Burgas.

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